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Sir:

In response to the August 19, 2003 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 9 of this paper. Claims 1-17 are pending, with claims 1, 4, 7, 8, 11 and 15 being the only independent claims.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.